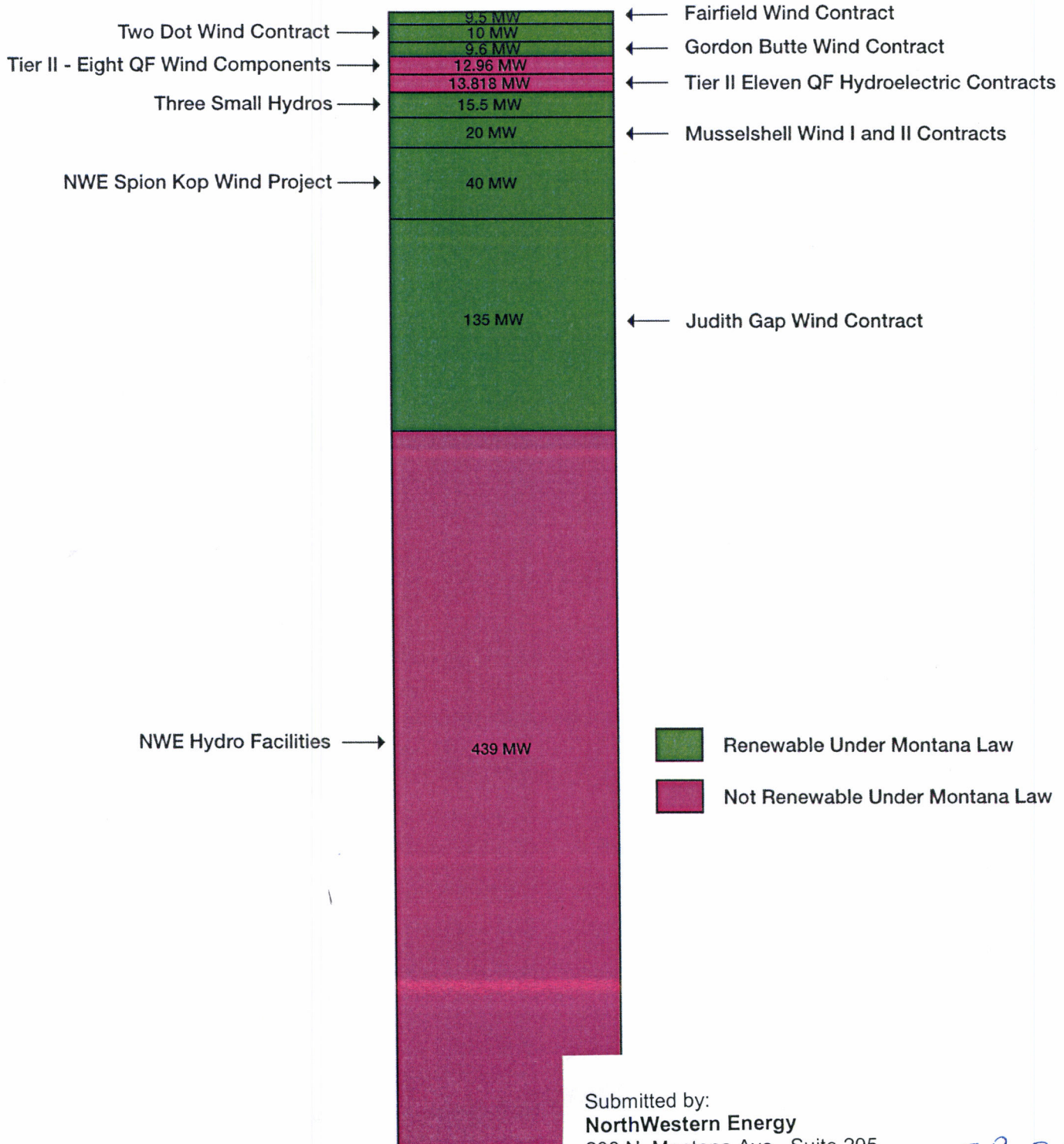


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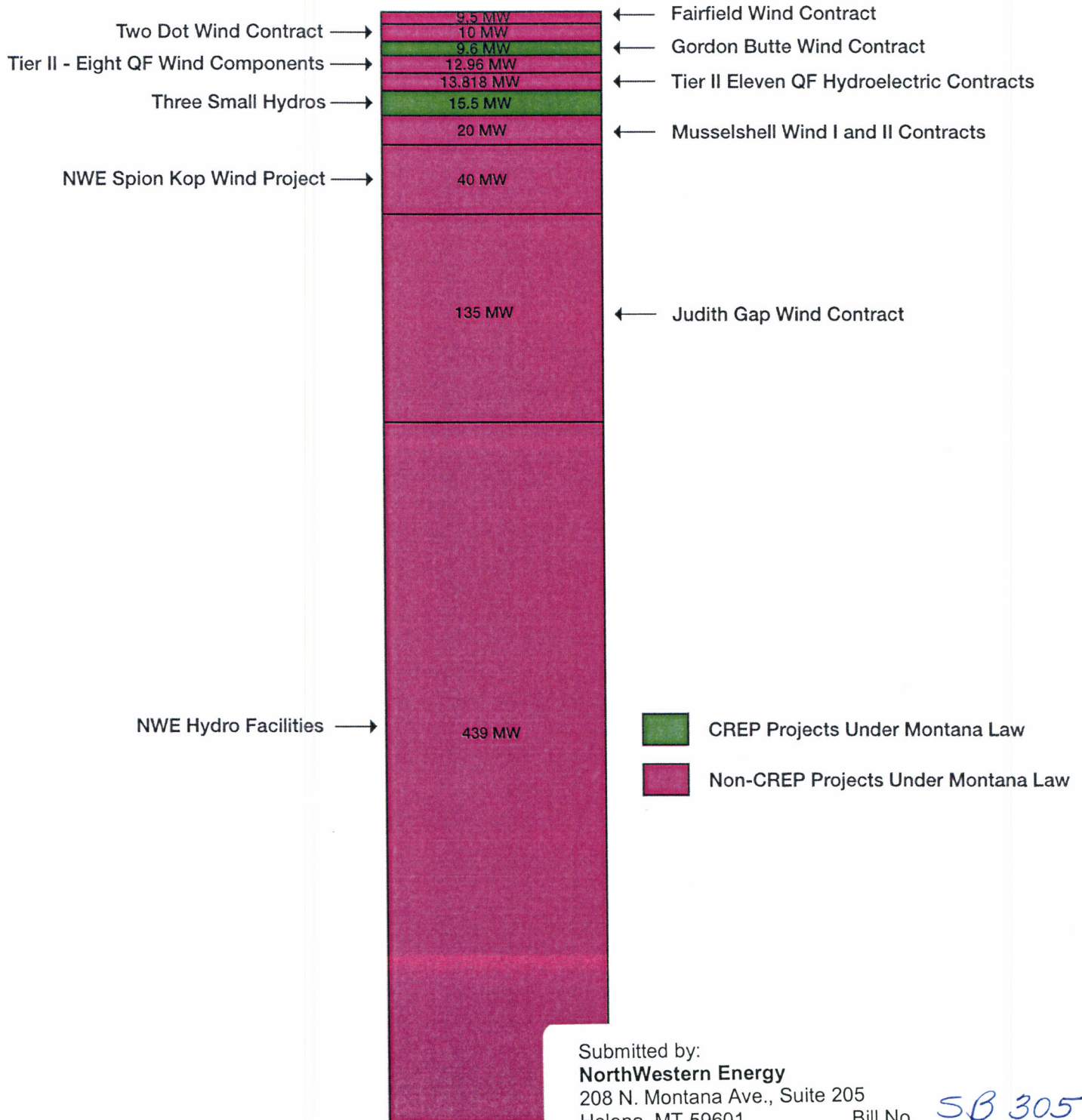
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History of CREP Acquisition
By NorthWestern Energy
2008 - 2015

Process/Triggering Event	Results/Projects	Disposition	Certified CREP
2008 RFP			
	No cost effective resources under 5 MW with local owners		
2009 Statutory Change			
	Turnbull Hydro (originally respondent in 2008 RFP)	Certified in D2011.11.151	13 MW
2009 RFI			
	Big Otter	Eliminated due to environmental issues	
	Sagebrush	Eliminated due to development issues – local landowner opposition	
	Spion Kop	Size increased to achieve economies and to assure RPS energy compliance	
Option 3 QFs			
	Gordon Butte	Certified in D2011.11.93	9.6 MW
	Musselshell	Transferred to Gold Wind – Did not qualify	
	Musselshell Two	Transferred to Gold Wind – Did not qualify	
	Fairfield	WinDATA transferred to Lincoln Renewable Energy, transferred back to WinDATA, transferred to Foundation Wind – Did not qualify	
	Two Dot Wind Farm	Transferred to NJR – Did not qualify	

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Hydro QFs			
	Lower South Fork	Certified in D2013.5.35	0.455 MW
	Flint Creek	Certified in D2013.8.61	2.0 MW
2012 RFP			
	Opheim	Sought Commission certification in D2013.9.69, Petition withdrawn, canceled by developer due to WAPA transmission issues	
	Kenfield	Canceled by developer due to WAPA transmission issues	
2013 RFP			
	Crazy Mountain	Petitioned for certification in D2014.1.7 – Commission declined	
	Greycliff	Petitioned for certification in D2014.1.9 – Commission declined	
	Greenfield	Developer terminated negotiations, transferred to Foundation Wind, seeking QF contract, - - Will not qualify	
2014 RFP			
	Greycliff Prime	Contract signed 2/2/2015, Application for approval to be filed 2/13/2015	
	New Colony	Contract signed, Application for Approval to be filed shortly	